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Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed new collection; comments requested:

COPS Comparative Assessment of Cost Reduction by Agencies Survey

ACTION: 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review:

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The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days for public comment until [insert the date 60 days from the date this notice is published in the Federal Register]. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

If you have comments, especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Danielle Ouellette, Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, 145 N Street, NE, Washington, DC 20530.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this Information Collection

- (1) Type of Information Collection: Proposed new collection; comments requested
- (2) Title of the Form/Collection: COPS Comparative Assessment of Cost Reduction by Agencies Survey
- (3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection: None. U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services
- (4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Law enforcement agencies and other public and private entities that apply for COPS Office grants or cooperative agreements will be asked complete the COPS Comparative Assessment of Cost Reduction Survey. The survey will be used to review the approaches currently adopted by police agencies that reduce organizational and operational costs and will provide information about how these strategies have been implemented and evaluated. The survey allows for the identification of agencies that have undertaken extensive changes in programs to maintain their service delivery levels or to increase service efficiency and effectiveness while facing budget restraints.

- (5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply:

It is estimated that 268 respondents annually will complete the form within .42 hours (25 minutes).

- (6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:
- There are an estimated 113 total annual burden hours associated with this collection.

If additional information is required contact: Jerri Murray, Department Clearance Officer,  
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